

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004. The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 5-15 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Winters, US Patent no. 5, 675, 285 ("Winters"). The Office Action also rejects claims 2-4 and 16 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious in light of Winters. Claims 1-16 remain under consideration.

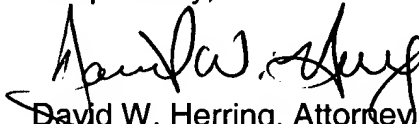
Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 7 and 11 to claim:

"forming at least first and second composite signals (each) including information represented by each of at least two signals, wherein said at least two signals have substantially the same frequency . . .".

Winters teaches and expressly claims in claim 1 that "each one of said . . . signals being at a different frequency." At no point in Winters does that reference teach that the signals have substantially the same frequency. Thus, Winters does not anticipate claims 1, 7 and 11. Therefore, claims 1, 7 and 11 are allowable over Winters. It follows that claims 2-6, 8-10 and 12-16 are allowable as being dependent upon allowable base claims.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections in the Office Action be removed and that all claims remaining under consideration be allowed.

Respectfully,

  
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